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Application of

Applicant: Jerald S. Burkett

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated December 30, 2005, please amend the above indicated application as follows: